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January 30, 2019

United States District Court - Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall United Sates Courthouse Attention: Hon. Kevin Nathaniel Fox, Magistrate Judge 40 Pearl Street, Court Room 228 New York, New York 10007

In Re: MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP. v. EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES – CASE NO.: 1:17-cv- 03427 KNF

Dear Magistrate Fox:

The above referenced action was dismissed on consent of the parties without prejudice pursuant to a "Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal" filed by the parties on March 9, 2018. See Exhibit A, "Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal".

Prior to its dismissal, the above referenced matter was commenced in New York State Supreme Court, County of New York, under the caption *Major Elevator Corp.*, v. *Ezquire Elevator LLC et al.*, *Index* # 650745/2017 on February 10, 2017. On May 8, 2017, that action was removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by the Defendants' preceding counsel Lehman LG LLC. *See Exhibit B*, "Notice of Removal".

The case docket reveals that following removal to this Court, meaningful activity took place on the referenced case, including but not limited to the matter being referred to a magistrate judge, the Defendants' filing of their Answer, and the parties consenting to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge. Additionally, a conference was scheduled and held wherein a discovery schedule was outlined before the action was voluntarily dismissed. *See Exhibit C, Full Case Docket*.

It was the expectation of the Defendants that although the voluntary dismissal was without prejudice that this action would not be refiled at all and if it was in fact refiled, that the parties would stipulate to vacate the voluntarily dismissal and consent to the matter being restored to this Court's calendar. Much to the Defendants' surprise, the Plaintiff refiled the same action as before, once again in the Supreme Court of New York, County of New York, but this time bearing the caption *Major Elevator Corp.*, v. Ezquire Elevator LLC et al., Index # 654049/2018. See Exhibit D, August 14, 2018 Summons and Complaint". Pursuant to affidavits



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of service shared with me by counsel for the Plaintiff, dated December 31, 2018, the Plaintiff's purport to have effected service of this new action via the nail and mail method of service at the Defendants' designated addresses in the State of Georgia. See Exhibit E, December 31, 2018 Affidavits of Service.

It is the Defendants' position that if the issues in controversy between these parties are to be litigated at all, that they must be litigated before this Court. I have made several unsuccessful attempts, orally and in writing to ask Plaintiff's counsel to outright dismiss Plaintiff's claims, to stipulate to the dismissal of the action pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, and to vacate the voluntary dismissal in 1:17-cv-03427 KNF and restore the same to the calendar. See Exhibit F, Emails Between Plaintiff's and Defendants' Counsel from June 14, 2018 to Present.

I thus herein submit the attached Notice of Appearance, *Exhibit G*, and respectfully request that the Court accept this letter, pursuant Local Rule 7.1 (d), in lieu of a more formal motion and issue an Order vacating the voluntary dismissal entered by the parties on March 9, 2018, in connection with 1:17-cv-03427 KNF, restore said matter to this Court's calendar, order the dismissal of *Major Elevator Corp.*, v. *Ezquire Elevator LLC et al.*, *Index # 654049/2018* now pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, and direct counsel for the Plaintiff to pay Defendants' reasonable legal fees associated with their failure to consent to the litigation of this matter before this Court in light of the prior procedural history of the case.

Sincerely,

Nelson De La Cruz, Esq

Cc: Mr. Anthony Graves

Mr. Joel Smith

Mr. Joseph Maira, Esq.

Ms. Stephanie Emanuel, Esq.

Mr. T. Austin Brown, Esq.

EXHIBIT A

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MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP,

17 Civ. 3427

Plaintiff.

--against--

EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH, and ANTHONY GRAVES.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF STIPULATED DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, all parties who have appeared hereby stipulate and give notice that the above-captioned action is voluntarily dismissed without prejudice.

Dated: March 3, 2018 New York, New York

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Attorney for Defendants Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Joel Smith, and Anthony Graves

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP,

: 17 Civ. 3427

: NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Plaintiff,

--against--

EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH, and ANTHONY GRAVES,

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Joel Smith, and Anthony Graves, by and through its attorneys, hereby remove this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a), 1441 and 1446, from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

In support of this Notice of Removal, Defendants state the following:

- 1. On February 10, 2017, plaintiff commenced an action in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, captioned *Major Elevator Corp. v. Ezquire Elevator, LLC et al.* (Index No. 650745/2017). Plaintiff subsequently filed an affidavit of service in court that states the complaint was served by first class mail on April 14, 2017.
- 2. A true and correct copy of the Summons, Complaint, which constitutes all pleadings in this action, and the Affidavit of Service is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 3. On May 6, 2017, Julie R. Solarz, Esq. filed a Notice of Appearance and a demand that the complaint and all notice and other papers in this action be served at Lehman LG LLC, 244 Fifth Avenue, Suite B258, New York, NY 10001.

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- 4. Defendants believe that plaintiff's claims are without merit.
- 5. Defendants have not made any filings in the state court action.
- 6. This Notice of Removal is being filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the district in which the case is pending.
- 7. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty days of defendants' alleged receipt of service of the Summons and Complaint, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 8. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), because this is an action between citizens of different States, and the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP

- 9. Plaintiff, Major Elevator Corp., is a domestic corporation, formed according to the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York, domiciled at 79 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007.
- 10. Defendant Ezquire Elevator, LLC, is The Defendant, EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, is a foreign Limited Liability Company, formed according to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Georgia, with its principal place of business located in Loganville, Georgia.
- 11. Joel Smith ("Smith") and Anthony Graves ("Graves") are individuals. When the Summons was filed, Smith and Graves were, and still are, residents of the State of Georgia.
- 12. Because Plaintiff is a New York citizen and defendants are citizens of the State of Georgia, the parties are completely diverse pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

- 13. Diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 also requires that the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, be in excess of \$75,000.
- 14. Plaintiff has demanded judgment in the amount of demands judgment in the amount of \$360,000.00 plus the costs and disbursements of this action as a remedy for its alleged breach of contract and fraud claims.

CONCLUSION

- 15. Complete diversity exists between plaintiff, a citizen of New York, and defendants, citizens of Georgia, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Accordingly, this Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
- 16. Defendants will provide plaintiff with prompt written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) and will file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, where the Complaint was originally filed.

WHEREFORE, Defendants requests that this action be removed from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Dated: May 8, 2017

New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Julie R. Solarz

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Attorney for Defendants Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Joel Smith, and Anthony Graves

TO:

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Exhibit 1

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Major Elevator, Corp.

Index No.

Plaintiff(s),

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Summons

-against-

Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Joel Smith, and Anthony Graves

Date Index No. Purchased:

Defendant(s).

To the above named Defendant(s)

Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Joel Smith, and Anthony Graves 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The basis of venue is Contractual Stipulation , which is "...does hereby agree that the exclusive venue for any disputes between the parties shall be in the Borough of Manhattan..."

Dated: February 9, 2017

The Austin Brown Law Firm

T. Austin Brown, Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW	YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
	Index No.
MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP,	
Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
—against—	
EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH,	
and ANTHONY GRAVES,	
Defendants.	

PLAINTIFF, by their attorneys, The Austin Brown Law Firm, allege as follows:

- The Plaintiff, MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP, is a domestic corporation, formed according to the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York, domiciled at 79 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007.
- 2. The Defendant, EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, is a foreign Limited Liability Company, formed according to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Georgia, and domiciled at 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052. Upon information and belief, the defendant is not registered to do business in New York.
- The Defendants, Joel Smith and Anthony Graves, are the owners of Defendant Ezquire Elevator, LLC, whose primary place of business is 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204, Loganville, GA 30052.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 4. On or about March 2016, Plaintiff and Defendants entered two contracts for the Defendants to provide the labor to install elevators in two buildings in Manhattan, 552 West 29th Street, and 1711 1st Avenue, for a total of \$310,000.00 to be paid out on a weekly basis. Plaintiff provided the materials used by the Defendants.
- 5. In all, Plaintiffs paid Defendants \$316,237.63, by checks, which were all cashed by the Defendants.

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6. Despite being paid, Defendants did not install operational elevators, and, in fact, had long

abandoned the project, leaving most essential parts uninstalled, while still cashing the

checks sent by Plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FRAUD

7. In addition to the Defendants' failure to perform the installation of the elevators, the

Defendants misrepresented their workers' compensation insurance coverage, providing a

certificate showing a policy covering from 11/1/2015 to 11/1/2016. In fact, Defendants

were not covered for the period from March to October of 2016.

8. Relying on the Defendants' misrepresentation, the Plaintiff agreed to hire the Defendants

to perform the work.

9. As a result of the Defendants' misrepresentations, Plaintiff is liable for a \$50,000.00

premium increase in Plaintiff's worker's compensation coverage due to hiring uninsured

subcontractors.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in the amount of \$360,000.00 plus the

costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York

February 9, 2017

T. Austin Brown, Esq. Attorney for the Plaintiff

349 5th Avenue

New York, NY 10016

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (NEW YORK SOUTHERN)

EXHIBIT C

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U.S. District Court Southern District of New York (Foley Square) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-03427-KNF

Major Elevator Corp v. ezquire elevator, LLC et al Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox

Demand: \$360,000

Case in other court: Supreme Court of the State of New

York, NY County, 650745-17

Cause: 28:1332bc Diversity-Breach of Contract

Date Filed: 05/08/2017 Date Terminated: 03/09/2018 Jury Demand: Defendant

Nature of Suit: 190 Contract: Other

Jurisdiction: Diversity

Plaintiff

Major Elevator Corp

represented by Thomas Austin Brown

The Austin Brown Law Firm 349 5th Avenue New York, NY 10016 (917)-716-6537

Email: austin@austinbrownlaw.com

LEAD ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant

Ezquire Elevator, LLC

represented by Julie Rosenblum Solarz

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Defendant

Joel Smith

represented by Julie Rosenblum Solarz

(See above for address)

ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Defendant

Anthony Graves

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05/08/2017	1	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Supreme Court, County of New York. Case Number: 650745/2017. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number 0208-13638178). Document filed by Anthony Graves, joel smith, ezquire elevator, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet)(Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/08/2017	2	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/08/2017	3	RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by ezquire elevator, LLC.(Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/09/2017		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above-entitled action is assigned to Judge Andrew L. Carter, Jr. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php . (kl) (Entered: 05/09/2017)
05/09/2017		Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php . (kl) (Entered: 05/09/2017)
05/09/2017		Case Designated ECF. (kl) (Entered: 05/09/2017)
06/26/2017	4	FILING ERROR - WRONG PDF FILE ASSOCIATED WITH DOCKET ENTRY - REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT against Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Anthony Graves, Joel Smith . Document filed by Major Elevator Corp. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit Affirmation in support, # 2 Text of Proposed Order Clerk's Certificate, # 3 Exhibit Contract 1, # 4 Exhibit Contract 2, # 5 Exhibit Invalid insurance certificate, # 6 Exhibit Worker's comp audit, # 7 Exhibit Cancelled Checks 1, # 8 Exhibit Cancelled Checks 2, # 9 Exhibit Cancelled Checks 3, # 10 Exhibit Photos of incomplete work)(Brown, Thomas) Modified on 6/30/2017 (dt). (Entered: 06/26/2017)
06/29/2017	5	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Thomas Austin Brown on behalf of Major Elevator Corp. (Brown, Thomas) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
06/29/2017	6	FIRST RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by Major Elevator Corp.(Brown, Thomas) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
06/30/2017		***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY TO RE-FILE DOCUMENT - PDF ERROR. Notice to Attorney Thomas Brown to RE-FILE Document 4 Request to Enter Default. You must File a Request to enter default, along with the Clerk's Certificate of Default as an attachment, using the Clerk's Certificate of Default that is on our website, not you own, then file the

	affidavit in support of the default under other answers, affidavit in support of a non-motion. That is the only documents that is required for the Clerk's Certificate of Default. If you have any question feel free to call Orders & Judgments at (212) 805-0143. (dt) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
7	ANSWER to Complaint with JURY DEMAND. Document filed by Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Anthony Graves, Joel Smith.(Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 07/24/2017)
8	ORDER REFERRING CASE TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE. Order that case be referred to the Clerk of Court for assignment to a Magistrate Judge for General Pretrial (includes scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement). Referred to Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox. (Signed by Judge Andrew L. Carter, Jr on 8/2/2017) (mro) (Entered: 08/02/2017)
2	ORDER: Initial Conference set for 10/10/2017 at 02:00 PM in Courtroom 228, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox. At least five (5) days before the conference, the parties must meet or confer by telephone to discuss the matters specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and must complete the attached questionnaire. (Signed by Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox on 9/1/2017) (mml) (Entered: 09/01/2017)
10	INITIAL REPORT OF PARTIES BEFORE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE. Document filed by Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Anthony Graves, Joel Smith.(Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 10/06/2017)
11	ENDORSED LETTER addressed to Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox from Julie Solarz dated 10/10/2017 re: The parties respectfully request that the conference specified in this letter be adjourned until after November 1, 2017. ENDORSEMENT: Application granted. The conference will be held on November 7, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. So ordered. (Initial Conference set for 11/7/2017 at 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox.) (Signed by Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox on 10/10/2017) (rjm) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
12	ORDER: A conference was held with counsel to the respective parties on November 7, 2017. As a result of the discussion had during the conference, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 1. all discovery, of whatever nature, be initiated so as to be completed on or before February 28, 2018; 2. a telephonic status conference will be held with the parties on January 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Counsel to the plaintiff shall initiate the telephonic conference on that date; 3. any dispositive motion practice must ensue in accordance with the applicable provision of the Individual Rules of Practice of the assigned district judge; and 4. if no dispositive motion is made, the parties shall submit their joint pretrial order to the court on or before March 30, 2018. That document must conform to the requirements for such an order that are found in the Individual Rules of Practice of the assigned district judge. (Discovery due by 2/28/2018., Pretrial Order due by 3/30/2018., Telephone Conference set for 1/18/2018 at 10:00 AM before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox on 11/7/2017) (mro) (Entered: 11/08/2017)
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		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox: An Initial Pretrial Conference was held on 11/8/2017. (Midwood, Laura) (Entered: 11/08/2017)
11/13/2017	13	CONSENT TO JURISDICTION BY A US MAGISTRATE JUDGE by Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Anthony Graves, Major Elevator Corp, Joel Smith. (Case No Longer Referred to Magistrate Judge) CASE ASSIGNED to Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox. (Signed by Judge Andrew L. Carter, Jr on 11/13/2017) (anc) (Entered: 11/13/2017)
01/18/2018	14	ORDER: By order dated November 7, 2017, the Court scheduled a telephonic status conference in the above-referenced action in which counsel to the parties failed to participate. Consequently, counsel are directed to appear at a status conference on January 25, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., in courtroom 228, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York. Counsel are reminded that failure to comply with a court order may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the case. (Status Conference set for 1/25/2018 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 228, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox.) (Signed by Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox on 1/18/2018) (js) (Entered: 01/19/2018)
01/19/2018	15	LETTER MOTION to Adjourn Conference addressed to Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox from Julie Solarz dated January 19, 2018. Document filed by Ezquire Elevator, LLC, Anthony Graves, Joel Smith.(Solarz, Julie) (Entered: 01/19/2018)
01/19/2018	16	ORDER granting 15 Letter Motion to Adjourn Conference. The Court is not available to hold a conference on the dates proposed by the defendants. Therefore, the status conference will be held on February 8, 2018, at 02:00 p.m. in Courtroom 228, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007. (HEREBY ORDERED by Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox)(Text Only Order) (Fox, Kevin Nathaniel) (Entered: 01/19/2018)
02/08/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox: A Status Conference was held on 2/8/2018. (Midwood, Laura) (Entered: 02/15/2018)
03/01/2018	17	FILING ERROR - DEFICIENT DOCKET ENTRY - SIGNATURE ERROR - STIPULATION OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties and/or their respective counsel (s) that the above-captioned action is voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice against the defendant(s) All Parties and without costs to either party pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Document filed by Major Elevator Corp.(Brown, Thomas) Modified on 3/2/2018 (km). (Entered: 03/01/2018)
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	SUMMONS
Plaintiff,	Plaintiff designate
	New York County as the
-against-	Place of Trial
· ·	The basis of venue is Contract
EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES,	Forum Provision
Defendants.	

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attomey(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York August 14, 2018

To the above named Defendants:

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Defendants' Addresses for Service EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052

JOEL SMITH C/O EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052

ANTHONY GRAVES C/O EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NET COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP.,	X Index No.:
Plaintiff,	
-against-	COMPLAINT
EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES,	
Defendant	
Plaintiff MA IOP ELEVATOR CORR	

Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP., by its attorneys, LAW OFFICES OF STEPHANIE E. EMANUEL, complaining of Defendants EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP. ("MAJOR ELEVATOR"), was and still is a duly organized domestic corporation with principal offices located at 79 Chambers Street, New York, New York 10007.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC ("EZQUIRE ELEVATOR") was and still is a foreign limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia having a place of business at 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR is not duly authorized to conduct and/or transact business in the State of New York.
- 4. That at all times herein mentioned, Defendant JOEL SMITH ("SMITH") was and still is a natural person and, upon information and belief, is an officer and a member of Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, with a place of business at 2935 Rosebud Road,

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Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052.

5. That at all times herein mentioned, Defendant ANTHONY GRAVES ("GRAVES") was and still is a natural person and, upon information and belief, is an officer and a member of Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, with a place of business at 2935 Rosebud Road, Suite 1204 Loganville, GA 30052.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. Jurisdiction of this Court with respect to the claims asserted herein is based upon the Forum Clause in the subject Contracts between Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR and Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR which provide that Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR "...does hereby agree that the exclusive venue for any disputes between the parties shall be in the Borough of Manhattan..."

FACTS COMMON TO ALL DEFENDANTS

- 7. On or about March of 2016, Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR, entered into two contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR for Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR to provide work and labor to install elevators in two buildings respectively located at 552 West 29th Street, NY, NY and 1711 1st Avenue, NY, NY, for a total contract price of \$310,000.00.
- 8. Pursuant to the provisions of the respective Contracts, Plaintiff MAJOR

 ELEVATOR was to: (I) provide the materials to be used by Defendant EZQUIRE

 ELEVATOR on the subject projects; and (II) pay out the sums due under the respective contracts to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR on a weekly basis.
- To induce Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder,

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Defendants SMITH and GRAVES represented to Plaintiff that Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR: (i) was authorized to transact business in the State of New York; (ii) had adequate workers' compensation insurance coverage and provided an insurance certificate showing a policy with a coverage period from 11/1/2015 to 11/1/2016; and (iii) had performed the work and labor required under the Contracts and provided work progress statements reflecting such work and labor.

- 10. Such material representations were false and Defendants SMITH and GRAVES knew these representations to be false and made them in order to induce Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR.
- 11. In reality, Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR was not authorized to transact business in New York State; had no workers' compensation insurance coverage from March to October 2016, inclusive, and the insurance certificate provided was a forgery; and had not performed any work under the Contracts, providing false and inaccurate work progress statement.
- 12. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES made these false representations, intentionally concealed material facts, and provided false certificates/reports and in reliance upon the above false representations and intentional concealment, Plaintiff entered into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and made payments under the Contracts to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR in the amount of \$316,237.63.
- 13. Despite receiving payment in full from Plaintiff under the Contracts, Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR did not install operational elevators at either property,

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552 West 29th Street, NY, NY and 1711 1st Avenue, NY, NY, and, in fact, had long abandoned the projects leaving most essential parts uninstalled.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST EZQUIRE ELEVATOR (Breach of Contract)

- 14. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges herein each and every allegation above.
- 15. On or about March of 2016, Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR, entered into two contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR for Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR to provide work and labor to install elevators in two buildings respectively located at 552 West 29th Street, NY, NY and 1711 1st Avenue, NY, NY, for a total contract price of \$310,000.00.
- 16. Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR has fully performed and completely satisfied all of its contractual obligations under the Contracts by providing the materials to be used by Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR on the subject projects; and by making respective weekly payments to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR in conformity with submitted work progress reports, in the aggregated amount of \$316,237.63.
- 17. Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR breached the Contracts by failing and refusing to install operational elevators at 552 West 29th Street, NY, NY and 1711 1st Avenue, NY, NY, and by abandoning the projects and leaving most essential parts uninstalled, despite receiving payment in full under the Contracts in the amounts of .\$316,237.63.
- 18. Accordingly, Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR, is entitled to judgment against Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR in the amount of \$360,000.00 plus disbursements and costs for compensatory and consequential damages for the breach of contract.

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AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

(Fraud)

- 19. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges herein each and every allegation above.
- 20. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES, on their own behalf and on behalf of Defendant EXQUIRE ELEVATOR, intentionally and falsely represented to Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR in order to induce Plaintiff to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder, that Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR: (i) was authorized to transact business in the State of New York; (ii) had adequate workers' compensation insurance coverage and provided an insurance certificate showing a policy with a coverage period from 11/1/2015 to 11/1/2016; and (iii) had performed the work and labor required under the Contracts and provided work progress statements reflecting such work and labor.
- 21. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES knew but concealed from Plaintiff that

 Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR was not authorized to transact business in New York

 State; had no workers' compensation insurance coverage from March to October 2016,
 inclusive, and the insurance certificate provided was a forgery; and had not performed
 any work under the Confracts, providing false and inaccurate work progress statement.
- 22. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES made these false representations, doctored material papers and concealed these material facts, in order to induce Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR.
- 23. Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR did enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder to Defendant

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EZQUIRE ELEVATOR in reliance on these false and fraudulent representations, resulting in in an amount to be determine by the Court.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

(Negligent Misrepresentation)

- 19. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges herein each and every allegation above.
- 20. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES, on their own behalf and on behalf of Defendant EXQUIRE ELEVATOR, negligently and falsely represented to Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR in order to induce Plaintiff to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder, that Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR: (i) was authorized to transact business in the State of New York; (ii) had adequate workers' compensation insurance coverage and provided an insurance certificate showing a policy with a coverage period from 11/1/2015 to 11/1/2016; and (iii) had performed the work and labor required under the Contracts and provided work progress statements reflecting such work and labor.
- 21. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES negligently failed to disclose to Plaintiff that Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR was not authorized to transact business in New York State; had no workers' compensation insurance coverage from March to October 2016, inclusive, and the insurance certificate provided was a forgery; and had not performed any work under the Contracts, providing false and inaccurate work progress statement.
- 22. Defendants SMITH and GRAVES made these negligent misrepresentations and concealed these material facts, in order to induce Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR to enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR.

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23. Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR did enter into the Contracts with Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR and to make the payments required thereunder to Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR in reliance on these negligent misrepresentations, resulting in damages in an amount to be determine by the Court.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP. demand judgment as follows:

- (I) On the First Cause of Action, Second Cause of Action and Third Cause of Action, judgment in favor of Plaintiff MAJOR ELEVATOR CORP, and against Defendant EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, In the amount of \$360,000.00 in compensatory and consequential damages for the breach of contract;
- (II) On the Second Cause of Action, judgment in favor of Plaintiff MAJOR

 ELEVATOR CORP. and against Defendants EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES, an amount to be determined at trial but not less than \$360,000.00 together with punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court, with interest, attorneys' fees and costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court deems appropriate and equitable;
- (II) On the Third Cause of Action, judgment in favor of Plaintiff MAJOR

 ELEVATOR CORP. and against Defendants EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC, JOEL SMITH and ANTHONY GRAVES, an amount to be determined at trial but not less than \$360,000.00, together with punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court, with interest, attorneys' fees and costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court deems appropriate and equitable.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Attorney: JOSEPH B MAIRA - 356 COUNTY OF NEW YORK MAJOR ELEVATOR CORPORATION Index # 654049/2018 Purchased August 14, 2018 Plaintiff(s) - against -EZQUIRE ELEVATOR, LLC ETAL Date Filed: Defendant(s) STATE OF GEORGIA : COUNTY OF AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE GWYNNETT RONNIE STEWART ACTION, OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS AND RESIDES AT REDAN, GA ON 9/6/18 AT C/O EZNUIRE ELEVATOR LLC 2935 ROSEBUD RD., STE 1204 LOGANVILLE GA 30052 BEING DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND SAYS DEPONENT IS NOT A PARTY TO THIS DEPONENT SERVED THE WITHIN SUMMONS & COMPLAINT & NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING ON: JOEL SMITH , THE DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT THEREIN NAMED. **#1 INDIVIDUAL** By delivering a true copy of each to said defendant/respondent personally; deponent knew the person so served to be the person described as the defendant/respondent therein. #2 CORPORATION A corporation, delivering thereat a true copy of each to $_$ deponent knew said corporation so serviced to be the corporation, described in same as said defendant/respondent and knew said individual to be thereof #3 SUITABLE By delivering a true copy of each to a person of suitable age and discretion. Said premises is the AGE PERSON defendant's/respondent's [] actual place of business [] dwelling house / usual place of abode within the state. #4 AFFIXING By affixing a true copy of each to the door of said premises, which is the defendant's/respondent's [] actual place of TO DOOR [] dwelling house /usual place of abode within the state. X #5 MAILING 977/18 On deponent completed service under the last two sections by depositing a copy of the SUMMONS & COMPLAINT & NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING to the above address in a First Class postpaid COPY properly addressed envelope marked "Personal and Confidential" in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office in the State of PLORGIA x Deponent was unable, with due diligence to find the defendant/respondent or a person of suitable age and discretion 29th **AUGUST** on the 2018 day of 7:15 AM IST on the SEPTEMBER day of 11:30 AM on the day of on the day of After due search, careful inquiry and diligent attempts, I have been unable to effect process upon the #6 NON-SERVICE defendant/respondent being served because of the following: [] party unknown at address [] Evading [] Moved left no forwarding [] Address does not exist [] No one ever in or available to accept service #7 DESCRIPTION A description of the defendant/respondent, or other person served, or spoken to on behalf of the defendant/respondent is as follows: Description is required Sex Skin Color if #1,#2 or #3 above is Hair Color Age (Approx.) Height (Approx.) Selected Weight (Approx) Other: # 8 WIT. FEES the authorizing traveling expenses and one day's witness fee was paid (tendered) to the witness/recipient. #9 MILITARY Deponent asked person spoken to whether the defendant/respondent was in the military service of the United States Government or on active duty in the military SERVICE service in the State of and was informed the defendant/respondent/was not. The Summons Served had endorsed the recording Index number and date of filing. Sworn to before ceuber, 2018 me on this Server signature Notary Public Docket #: *1086552*

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New Counsel for Ezquire Elevator

7 messages

Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>
To: austin@austinbrownlaw.com

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 3:54 PM

Dear Sir:

Please note that going forward, I will be representing the Defendants in the matter of Major Elevator Corp. v. Ezquire Elevator LLC.

Please call me to discuss this matter. I demand that you voluntarily dismiss your Supreme Court action. To the extent that you choose to litigate this case at all, it should be litigated in the Southern District of New York.

Nelson De La Cruz

Austin Brown <austin@austinbrownlaw.com>
To: Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>
Co: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 4:24 PM

Hello Mr. De La Cruz,

I'm happy to discontinue the state court case. I have a stipulation with prior counsel to do so, I just haven't had time to file it—it's been a crazy week. There seems to have been some miscommunication with prior counsel—I thought we were returning the case to state court because we bilaterally couldn't meet federal court's discovery deadline, your prior counsel disagreed, and had thought that we would be filing a new case entirely.

I would like to push anew with you to ask your clients to sign an arbitration agreement instead of bringing this back to Federal Court. I believe that it will be a more efficient process in terms of time and money for everyone.

Otherwise, given the short discovery time frames provided by the Federal Court, and the distance your clients would have to travel, I think we should start talking about setting up depositions before we move to reopen the federal case.

Also, do you have a consent to change attorney for the Federal Case?

Thanks.

Austin

T. Austin Brown

52 4th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11217

austin@austinbrownlaw.com

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From: Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>

Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 3:54 PM

To: Austin Brown <austin@austinbrownlaw.com>
Subject: New Counsel for Ezquire Elevator

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Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>
To: Austin Brown austin@austinbrownlaw.com>

Cc: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

Thank you for your email response.

My clients will not agree to resolve this matter via arbitration nor would I advise my clients to agree to set up depositions before you move to reopen the federal case. Frankly based on the limited narrative I have received to date regarding this matter, your client's claims are frivolous and to the extent that my clients have to litigate them at all, they look forward to having the matter heard by a federal court.

Since there is no active pending federal case, I do not have a consent to change attorney. If/when one is needed, one will be executed, shared with you and filed with the court.

With respect to the pending state case, I was surprised that a request for a conference was the first filing given that there is no prior state action and I do not believe that you can simply reopen a matter started and discontinued in the federal courts, in the New York Supreme Court without filing and serving a new summons and complaint. Kindly discontinue the state action before I have to move to dismiss it.

Lastly, who is Mr. Maira and what is his role in the case?

Nelson De La Cruz

Austin Brown <austin@austinbrownlaw.com>
To: Neison De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 11:35 AM

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 8:04 PM

The discontinuance is fired. Joe Maira will be dealing with the case from here on out.

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Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 8:05 PM

To: Austin Brown <austin@austinbrownlaw.com>

Cc: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: New Counsel for Ezquire Elevator

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joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

To: Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndiclawplic.com>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 8:23 PM

Austin

Joe

Please lmk BEFORE you agree to discontinue in Supreme Court or agree to arbitrate so I can get written confirmation from client
Thanks And Enjoy the weekend

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Joseph Maira < MOGUL12218@aol.com>

Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 6:20 PM

To: Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>
Cc: Stephanie Emanuel <seelaw29@gmail.com>

Nelson

- 1. Process server said your clients were properly served
- 2. 20 day clock
- 3. Settlement?

Thanks, Joe

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To: Joseph Maira <MOGUL12218@aol.com>
Cc: Stephanie Emanuel <seelaw29@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 7:15 PM

My clients have not been personally served with the subject lawsuit, therefore our time to answer hasn't even commenced to run.

There is zero chance of settlement. We will move to federal court and countersue once properly served.

Nelson De La Cruz 646 973 0812 [Quoted text hidden]



Nelson De La Cruz <nelson@ndlclawpllc.com>

Fwd: Major v ezquire

5 messages

joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

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Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 7:42 PM

To: Stephanie Emanuel <seelaw29@gmail.com>, nelson@ndlclawpllc.com

NOTICE

Nelson

- Consider this email a good faith 10 day notice to cure DEFAULT for Attached case 654049/18
- 2. Appreciate your immediate attention and prompt email response for this request thank you joe

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Begin forwarded message:

From: GOTHAM <gothamprocess@hotmail.com>

Date: January 2, 2019 at 9:26:42 AM EST To: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Major v ezquire

Good Morning and Happy New Year,

As per your request, attached are affidavits of service in this case. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, Robin Forman

Sent from Outlook

From: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:04 AM

To: Process service Linda Forman

Subject: Major v ezquire

2X Linda Update please Thanks, Joe

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Cc: Stephanie Emanuel <seelaw29@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 8:08 PM

I was meaning to get a hold of you to make sure you really wanted to do this dance again.

As far as i am aware you havent properly served my clients and this action otherwise belongs back in federal court.

You will see a filing from me in the 10 days and there will be no settling this case once we respond.

My clients are going to call your bluff. I have agreed to a provision limiting their legal bills to a flat fee with the caveat that i can seek all legal fees from you and keep anything in excess of their flat fee.

Note that given that our prior counsel warned your prior counsel about tryng to revive this case in state court, an application for sanctions will be made unless you voluntarily dismiss in state court and refile in federal.

Happy New Year

Nelson De La Cruz [Quoted text hidden] 2nd good faith effort to resolve default

Nelson

- 1. Please confirm a settlement meeting with all parties at noon on Wednesday 2/6/19 at 3861 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235
- 2. Appreciate your immediate attention and prompt email response for this request thank you joe

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To: joseph maira <mairalaw@gmail.com>
Cc: Stephanie Emanuel <seelaw29@gmail.com>

I will advise my clients that you or your client want to meet but I will oppose the same and I urge you to either dismiss the case outright with prejudice or refile in Federal Court where it was previously intended to be litigated.

You haven't achieved proper service and any motions for default will be opposed and countered with motions for sanctions against Plaintiff and counsel. You and your client need to stop playing this game and litigate the case in the proper forum or dismiss it.

Nelson De La Cruz 646-973-0812

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То:	The clerk of court and all parties of record			
	I am admitted or otherwise authorized to practice in this court, and I appear in this case as counsel for:			
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